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SUBJECT: HARMFUL DRUG (QUIZAUN, HALQUINOL)

1. DRUG ENFORCEMENT AGENCY OFFICE IN QUITO HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM DEA HQS. WASHINGTON: QUOTE THE FOLLOWING EXTRACT OF MESSAGE FROM AMERICAN EMBASSY BOON TO SECRETARY OF STATE IS QUOTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE: "BE ADVISED THAT SQUIBB OF GREAT BRITAIN PRODUCT QUIXALIN OR HALQUINOL (FORM OF HYDROXYGUINILINE) HAS BEEN USED IN THE JIDDAH SAUDI ARABIA AREA AS AN ANTIDIARRHOEAL AGENT...NOT AN FDA APPROVED DRUG. WE ARE SUSPICIOUS THAT THIS DRUG MAY HAVE CAUSED A CASE OF BLINDNESS AND PROFOUND PERIPHERAL NEUROPATHY. NOTIFICATION SHOULD BE MADE TO PERSONS LIKELY TO OBTAIN THIS DRUG THROUGH LOCAL SOURCES." UNQUOTE.

2. SINCE NOTICES OF DEFECTIVE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT AND/OR DRUGS HAVE IN PAST BEEN SENT TO EMBASSY E/C SECTION DIRECTLY FROM FDA, WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED WHAT ACTION IF ANY FDA RECOMMENDS IN THIS CASE.

3. ALSO PLEASE ADVISE IF THERE HAS BEEN CHANGE IN PROCEDURE, I.E., IF HENCEFORTH NOTIFICATION OF HARMFUL DRUGS WILL BE FUNCTION OF DEA VICE FDA.
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